CALL FOR ENTRIES – Bringing Vacation Home: Our Community On Vacation

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION:
Whether you travel far afield or enjoy a “staycation,” what are the ways you keep memories of that special time away from the workaday world? The community is invited to submit proposed objects and/or framed works that reflect some aspect of their travels or the travels of other family members – what souvenir did they bring home for you? The Rensselaer County Historical Society, 57 Second Street, Troy, NY encourages submissions for an exhibition, Bringing Vacation Home: Our Community On Vacation, which will be held at the museum from September 9 to Dec. 21, 2019 as we look at the impact of travel in and out of Rensselaer County. Please see below for size/condition requirements, deadlines and link to Application Form. Photographs, artwork, souvenirs, etc. will all be part of this companion exhibit to From Country Drives to the Grand Tour – Travel In and Out of Rensselaer County currently on view in the Grimm Gallery.

ELIGIBILITY:
Anyone with items connected to Rensselaer County, NY is welcome to submit for exhibition consideration. Items loaned to the exhibit should focus on the following themes:

- **Vacations close to home** – Mementos of day trips, picnics, a trip to the Great Escape or other amusements, etc.
- **Camping and Glamping** – What item tells the story of getting out into the “wild” – hiking, camping, boating, etc.
- **Travel Abroad** – Tell us the story of your travel abroad – through the materials you collected on your trip
- **Seeing the US** – Where have you travelled within the US? What object or images tells that travel story best?
- **Travel with a purpose** – Did you travel for education, for a charitable purpose or other cause? What object tells that story?

Due to the size of the gallery, size/condition restrictions for items submitted must be followed:

- 3D artifact dimensions: maximum of 18 inches on any side
- 2D item dimensions: maximum 24 inches on any side, framed preferred
- Items of larger dimensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- ALL items must be in secure, unbroken condition to be considered and cannot include any hazardous/dangerous materials. An assessment of the condition of the item by RCHS staff will be made at the time of submission.

NOTES:

- Lenders must complete the application form and provide images of their items as directed in order to be considered for the exhibit.
- Lenders may submit up to 3 items for consideration. If the item(s) are accepted for the exhibition, the lender will be required to sign a loan contract which will be sent at the time of the exhibit acceptance letter. No third party loans will be considered.
- The staff of the Rensselaer County Historical Society will install the exhibition. Accepted items will remain on display for the full duration of the exhibit.
- Lenders may be asked to allow images of selected items be used for promotion of the exhibition by the museum.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** July 27, 2019 – Submissions must be postmarked or emailed by 5:00 PM, July 27. Submissions after that deadline will NOT be considered. Email should be sent to spdramer@rchsonline.org
- **ANNOUNCEMENT of successful submission:** Items to be part of the exhibit will be announced by email on August 16, 2019.
- **LOAN DELIVERY:** Loaned items must be delivered to the Rensselaer County Historical Society, 57 Second Street, Troy, on either Friday, August 23, 12 noon – 7pm or Saturday, August 24, 10am-4pm. Lenders will be asked to choose which date and approximate time when they will deliver objects.
**Bringing Vacation Home: Our Community On Vacation Application Form**

Name

Address

Contact Info: Phone  Email

Please fill out as much of the information as possible to provide us with the background to make a decision on including this item in the exhibit. Due to the size of the gallery, size/condition restrictions for items submitted must be followed:

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**SUBMISSION 1:** (you may submit up to three (3) objects – just copy this page for additional objects)

Which exhibit category does this item fit into?

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What material(s) is it made out of? (wood, metal, glass, ceramic, textile, etc.)

Measurements: Height: _____ Width: _____ Depth: _____ Circumference (if applicable): ______

Photo attached: Digital image: ______ Photograph: ______

Condition: Please note any issues with the object’s condition, such as loose pieces, damage or losses to frames, etc.

What can you tell us about the item and its history? How do you feel this object tells us something important about travel in general and your travel experiences in particular (How did you come to have it, who saved it, was it passed down to other generations, etc.?)